

from the same standard. Sousa and Paderewsky have done us the same honor. I humbly dissent from all of this, however, and believe I know where we stand better than they.

The Californians seemed generally partial to power, volume, attack and crispness in the execution, the more delicate shadings not provoking so much enthusiasm. This we must not follow, as we will always lack refinement in our work. As to the criticism of some selections Mr. Stewart was quite right so far as he understood our aims and objects. In an attempt to give a classical program, neither my duet or "lullaby" would be properly included—nor would I do myself the injustice of presenting them even as good specimens of my own attempt. They had previously been found pleasing on the World's Fair trip and at home, and in making up a varied program to suit all tastes were included on one so-called "popular" program, "Annie Laurie," "Robin Adair," and the Harmony Glee club's selections. The singers in each case have an abundance of music of a higher class at their command, but the public do not always prefer them, and as we were out merely on a pleasure trip we only sought to give pleasure in return.

The gentleman simply spoke as he found things from his own standpoint; evidently a lover of classic music the trifles were offensive to him, so in weighing me up from the light weights he did not know he was in the same breath praising, declaring an encore number "Vales of Deseret" which he did not know was mine, the finest thing of the evening. I appreciate the whole criticisms much more because of the fact that they have spared neither blame nor praise for us. Our soloists, unlike the ordinary ones of a higher rank, are not left without this reward on the whole. The high praise given to the chorus applies to them to an unusual degree, for every one of them helped with heart and voice unsparingly to make every number a success, and they represent the best of the body declared to be almost unrivalled. They stepped out of the rank and file of the chorus to add variety to the program, they also had the satisfaction of being well received in every instance by the audience.

We gave a truthful representation of Utah music and Utah musical entertainments. The critics who regretted we did not give complete marks, etc., simply regretted the impracticable. Without an orchestra and with such an organ as San Francisco supplied us, what would such an attempt amount to? We did all we aimed to do and on the whole received lavish appreciation from musicians, public and press, and all without a scintilla of favor, friendship or favoritism from any source only what we compelled by our work. Indeed the friendship for us that we found on our eastern trip was entirely lacking west until after hearing. The audience received us in painful, almost sullen silence as we took our seats, making their later enthusiasm more marked. Nightly after the concerts the musical people, though entirely strangers, came to me with such friendly delight hearing in their countenances that it was like meeting dear old friends. What better could

one receive? The children I have toiled with, loved to excess for years, grown up, surrounding me (attuned by my humble endeavors) winning me new enthusiastic friends and honor to my people—I need no reward beyond. My heart is full of thanks to everyone on this pleasure trip, as well as to all who encouraged us by their presence.

Financial—There is but little to state on this head more than it speaks volumes for the pluck of a body of singers who, when they take it into their heads to take a trip costing seven thousand dollars, accomplish it in less than six months with practically no aid outside of their own artistic labors and perseverance. The people upon whom the results reflect credit ought to be proud of them, and cease to permit them to be able to quote "a prophet is not without honor, etc." It is doubtful if any more excursions will be planned in many years, but if there should be, let the pride, the good will, the practical support come before and not after their far-off triumphs are rebashed by the papers. Twice have we gone out into the world to sing and win honor to our mountain home, and each time we have met much bitter opposition at home before going, and much lavish adulation after returning. A welcome home is pleasant, but a heart-felt practical Godspeed is more helpful. In saying this I do not overlook the many friends who have rallied around us, and the friendly, almost unflinching encouragement of the press especially. These indeed have shown out the brighter for the surrounding gloom of indifference, the excuse for which came only from the fact that we have served so faithfully that we are no longer a "novelty." We have cleared our expenses. We have cheerfully and gladly reflected credit upon our people and State, the value of which cannot be counted in dollars and cents. We have treasured up for ourselves scenes beautiful, memories that will brighten life as long as it endures, from a truly educational and pleasurable standpoint invaluable to us each and every one of the 150 participants. Our weariness will soon wear off, and California will remain with us a pleasant memory, one bright spot of many in our heavenly Father's "Favored Land."

EVAN STEPHENS.

#### HARDCART MISSION.

##### SALT LAKE CITY.

April 23, 1896.

The following is a complete list of the names and addresses of the seventy-one handcart missionaries, also the countries to which they were appointed to labor. They are published for the express benefit of their posterity, who may be desirous of preserving the same in their family record. In all probability this may be the last time they will ever be published:

##### CANADA.

George Goddard, Great Salt Lake City.  
Stephen H. Goddard, G. Salt Lake City.  
John N. Wakeley, Great Salt Lake City.  
Isaac N. Hill, Great Salt Lake City.  
William Carter, Great Salt Lake City.  
Wm. H. Smith, Great Salt Lake City.  
David Cluff, Sen., Provo.  
John W. Turner, Provo.  
Gabriel Huntaman, Fillmore.  
William B. Twitchel, Salt Creek.

Henry Lee, Stokerville.  
Joel Terry, Cedar Valley.  
Robert Gardner, South Mill Creek.  
Charles Shumway, Big Cottonwood.  
Alburn Allen, Ogden City.  
Thomas Browning, Ogden City.  
Richard Hill, Ogden City.  
William F. Bull, Ogden City.  
John M. McCrary, North Willow Creek.

Henry L. Southworth, Great Salt Lake City.

Samuel R. Aiken, South Cottonwood.  
Thomas Chamberlin, Great Salt Lake City.

Thomas Hall, Great Salt Lake City.

##### EUROPE.

John W. Berry, Spanish Fork.  
Andrew J. Wheelock, Springville.  
William Bramall, Springville.  
William J. Stewart, Springville.  
John Y. Green, Great Salt Lake City.  
Jabez Woodward, West Jordan.  
Seymour B. Young, Great Salt Lake City.

Henry Herriman, Great Salt Lake City.  
Enock Reese, Great Salt Lake City.  
David Wilkin, Great Salt Lake City.  
Philip Margetts, Great Salt Lake City.  
Brigham H. Young, Great Salt Lake City.

Joseph W. Young, Great Salt Lake City.

Amos Taylor, Great Salt Lake City.

Jabez Taylor, Great Salt Lake City.

Martin L. Ensign, Box Elder.

William Dallan, Lehi.

Eli H. Pierce, Box Elder.

John George Pinder, Bingham's Fort.

George Rowley, Great Salt Lake City.

Robert E. Miller, Parowan.

John Malon, Box Elder.

R. G. Evans, Box Elder.

Wm. P. Thomas, Box Elder.

Samuel Longbottom, Willow Creek.

Robert Logan, Willow Creek.

James Galley, Willow Creek.

Fredk. Gardner, Willow Creek.

George Stanforth, Willow Creek.

Reuben McBride, Fillmore.

Fredk. Roulet, Box Elder.

John D. Maylat, Ogden City.

Epbraim Tomkinson, Fillmore.

Wm. J. Harris, Great Salt Lake City.

James Andrus, Big Cottonwood.

John B. Maxwell, Sessions Settlement.

Iver M. Iverson, American Fork.

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Miner G. Atwood, Gt. Salt Lake City.

William H. Branch, Gt. Salt Lake City.

Sam'l H. W. Riter, Gt. Salt Lake City.

George B. Smith, Gt. Salt Lake City.

David Brinton, Big Cottonwood.

William Felshaw, Fillmore.

Dan'l Mackintosh, Gt. Salt Lake City.

John S. Gleason, Farmington.

##### SOUTH AFRICA.

Martin Littlewood, Gt. Salt Lake City.

James Brooke, Fillmore.

Ebenezer Richardson, Ogden.

This company of seventy-one missionaries left Great Salt Lake City April 23, 1897, with twenty-six handcarts, and arrived in Florence on the 10th of June, rested seven and a half days; whole trip made in forty and a half traveling days—1,032 miles, averaging twenty-five miles a day.

##### THE HANDCART IMMIGRANTS.

Oct. 29, 1855—The First Presidency's Thirteenth General epistle proposed that the Saints who emigrated by the P. E. Fund should cross the plains with handcarts. In compliance with these instructions, on Sept. 26th, the first two companies of emigrating Saints, which crossed the plains with handcarts arrived in Great Salt Lake City, in charge of Capts. Edmund Ellsworth and D.D. McArthur. They were met and welcomed by the First Pres-